



**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2009 SENATE BILL 599**

March 30, 2010 – Offered by Senator VINEHOUT.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.255 (2) (bs); *to create* 117.40 (5) of the statutes; and *to*
2 *affect* 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, section 9137 (3k); **relating to:** grants to school
3 districts for consolidation feasibility studies, granting rule-making authority,
4 and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This substitute amendment authorizes the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to award grants of up to \$10,000 to consortia of two or more school districts to study the feasibility of consolidating the school districts. The substitute amendment prohibits DPI from awarding more than one grant to the same consortium in the same school year.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

5 **SECTION 1.** 20.255 (2) (bs) of the statutes is amended to read:
6 20.255 (2) (bs) *School district consolidation grants.* The amounts in the
7 schedule for grants for school district consolidation feasibility studies under 2007

1 ~~Wisconsin Act 20, section 9137 (3k). No funds may be encumbered from this~~
2 ~~appropriation after June 30, 2009 s. 117.40.~~

3 **SECTION 2.** 117.40 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

4 117.40 (5) The department shall promulgate rules to implement and
5 administer this section.

6 **SECTION 3.** 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, section 9137 (3k) is renumbered 117.40 of
7 the statutes and amended to read:

8 **117.40 Grants for school district consolidation studies.** (1) A consortium
9 of 2 or more school districts may apply to the department of public instruction for a
10 grant to ~~conduct a school district consolidation feasibility study~~ the feasibility of
11 consolidating the school districts. The consortium shall submit a plan identifying the
12 school districts engaged in the study, the issues the study will address, and how the
13 grant funds will be expended. A school district may not be a member of more than
14 one consortium.

15 (2) ~~In the 2008-09 school year, the~~ The department of public instruction shall
16 award grants to consortia from the appropriation under ~~section s. 20.255 (2) (bs) of~~
17 ~~the statutes, as created by this act.~~ The department may not award more than
18 \$10,000 to any consortium in the same school year nor award more than one grant
19 to any consortium in the same school year.

20 (3) ~~The department of public instruction~~ shall give priority to applications that
21 demonstrate prior attempts to address the underlying issues associated with
22 management and operation of the school districts' programs.

23 (4) A consortium awarded a grant under ~~paragraph (b)~~ sub. (2) shall submit
24 the results of the study to the department of public instruction.

25 **SECTION 4. Fiscal changes.**

1 (1) FUNDING FOR GRANTS.

2 (a) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
3 to the department of public instruction under section 20.255 (2) (cr) of the statutes,
4 as affected by the acts of 2009, the dollar amount is decreased by \$50,000 for the first
5 fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this paragraph takes effect for the
6 purposes for which the appropriation is made.

7 (b) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
8 to the department of public instruction under section 20.255 (2) (bs) of the statutes,
9 as affected by the acts of 2009, the dollar amount is increased by \$50,000 for the
10 second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this paragraph takes effect for the
11 purpose for which the appropriation is made.

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